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HUMAN KERATINOCYTES

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PETITION FROM THE EXAMINER'S HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT
UNDER 37 CFR 1.81(a)

Sir:

Applicant hereby petitions that the Examiner's holding of abandonment be withdrawn. The undersigned has discussed the application several times with the Examiner since the Notice of Abandonment. In order to expedite the procedure, the instant Petition is being submitted. This Petition will confirm that all drawings referred to in the application have been submitted and the application is complete as it exists in the current PTO record.

By a PETITION RESPONSIVE TO NOTICE OF OMITTED ITEM(S) IN A
NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b) the following

information was provided (a portion of the exact text of that petition is restated herein as follows):

A copy of Fig. 4A from Applicants photocopy made in this office of the application exactly as it was submitted to the PTO on October 23, 2000;

A copy of the patent application transmittal indicating 11 sheets of drawings; and

A copy of the return-receipt post card acknowledging receipt of 11 sheets of formal photomicrographs.

Applicant respectfully submits that at the time of receipt of the application in the PTO Mail Room, Fig. 4A was attached as acknowledged by the PTO stamp on the Post card indicating 11 sheets of formal photomicrographs.

Further evidencing the submission, Fig. 4A is discussed in the specification at the following locations:

Brief Description of the Drawings at page 17, first paragraph; and

Detailed Description of the Invention, Example 4, at page 29, lines 1-5.

In order to advance prosecution, a newly-prepared Fig. 4A consisting of a mounted photomicrograph is attached for the record.

Therefore, a review of the official PTO record will reflect that, when compared to the specification as allowed, all drawings are present in the record and no further items are necessary in order for the patent to proceed to issuance. Applicants respectfully request that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn.

The undersigned believes that no petition fee is required in the instant Petition. However, should it be determined that the fee is due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 19-4076 in the appropriate amount. A duplicate of this Petition is enclosed for such purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

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